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In re application of:

John Harada, *et al.*

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AND THEIR USES

Examiner: Cynthia Collins

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Actions mailed July 30, 2002 and April 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. It is not clear from the April 18, 2003 communication whether the Amendment mailed January 29, 2003 was entered. Therefore, the present amendment contains the responses and amendments filed in the previously-filed Amendment as well as a revised response to the written description and enablement rejections. Applicants do not believe that a petition to extend time is necessary. However, if the Examiner believes otherwise, she is authorized to charge any relevant fees that may be required to Deposit Account Number 20-1430.